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In re REISSUE APPLICATION OF

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Application No.: 09/267,025

Filed: March 11, 1999

**Title: IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS WITH HOLES FOR OPPOSITE SIDE
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Confirmation No.: 6529

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: William P. Watkins III

**APPLICANTS RESPONSE TO PETITIONERS' WITHDRAWAL FROM
PUBLIC USE PROCEEDING AND REQUEST FOR RETURN OF ALL OF
PETITIONERS' FILED PAPERS**

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I. Acceptance of Withdrawal

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II. All papers including all Exhibits, attachments, appendices and enclosures should be returned and removed from the record.

In addition to Withdrawing, Petitioners have failed to make available affiants for cross examination as requested by Applicant on May 27, 2003. Therefore any Testimony, Exhibits, and papers submitted by Petitioners with the Petition or on March 21, 2003 or May 5, 2003 should be withdrawn and returned.

III. There Is No Evidence of Public Use From This Public Use Proceeding

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With the withdrawal, it is as if the Petition was never filed, no papers were filed and the proceedings never occurred.

IV. Upon the Return to Petitioners of All of Petitioners' Filings, Applicant Request Return of All of Applicants' Filings during the Proceeding

Once Petitioners' papers are returned, Applicant's papers should also be returned. There is no need to have Applicant's Objections and Request for Cross-Examination in the record. Upon removal of Petitioners papers, Applicant requests withdrawal and return of Applicant's papers filed during proceeding.

V. Self-Serving, Contradictory, and Erroneous Statements in Petitioners' Withdrawal

Petitioners' extraneous statements in Withdrawal should be ignored and removed from the record. Petitioners' state that (1) "... resulting patent protection is commercially irrelevant to Petitioner", (2) "Petitioner is confident . . . that any resulting patent protection is appropriately limited", (3) "if the reissue application . . . is relevant to Petitioners' business, Petitioner is confident that the overwhelming evidence of public use provided during this proceeding will invalidate any improperly broad claims that are asserted . . ." "

These statements are made as the Petitioners withdraw from the proceeding and withdraw all of the "overwhelming evidence." The only thing that is clear from Petitioners' act of withdrawal and three statements is that the Petitioners are not at all confident of their patent position. There is no evidence of public use. The statements are self-serving, contradictory, erroneous, and non-sensical.

VI. Applicant Requests a Continued Stay of Any Filing to Provide Rebuttal Evidence and Argument Until the Withdrawal is Accepted

There is no point in Applicant providing rebuttal evidence prior to the Withdrawal being accepted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant requests a continuation of the stay of the requirement to file rebuttal evidence and argument.

Applicant respectfully requests a prompt return to the Reissue Prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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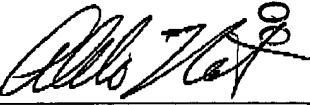
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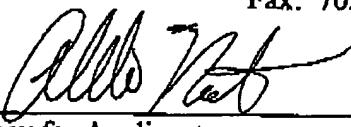
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